

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 183.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, November 8, 1862.

I.. The Military Commission, of which Major General DAVID HUNTER, United States Volunteers, is President, appointed to meet in the city of Washington, on the 25th of September, pursuant to "Special Orders," No. 255, of September 23, 1862, to investigate the circumstances of the abandonment of Maryland Heights and the surrender of Harper's Ferry, having reported that Colonel *Thomas H. Ford*, 32d Ohio Volunteers, conducted the defense of Maryland Heights "without ability, abandoned his position without sufficient cause, and has shown throughout such a lack of military capacity as to disqualify him, in the estimation of the Commission, for a command in the service," the said Colonel *Thomas H. Ford* is, by direction of the President, dismissed from the service of the United States.

II.. The Commission having reported that the behavior of the 126th New York Infantry was disgraceful, and that Major *William H. Baird*, for his bad conduct, ought to be dismissed, the said Major *Baird*, of the 126th New York Volunteers, is, by direction of the President, dismissed from the service of the United States.

III.. The Commission having reported that Brigadier General *Julius White*, United States Volunteers, acted with decided capability and courage, and merits its approbation, and having found nothing in the conduct of the subordinate officers calling for censure, Brigadier General *White* and the subordinate officers brought before the Commission are released from arrest and will report for duty.

IV.. The Military Commission, of which Major General HUNTER is President, is dissolved.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*